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1. Nehru reportedly to visit Tibet in September: Nehru stated in a letter to the Dalai Lama last spring that he hoped it would be possible for him to spend two weeks in Tibet during September, [REDACTED]

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Nehru expressed a desire to visit the three Lhasa monasteries. He expressed his regret that the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers in London had precluded a visit in June or July as tentatively planned. ~~(S NOFORN CONTINUED CONTROL)~~ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 26 July 57)

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Comment: During his visit to India last February, the Dalai Lama reportedly invited Nehru to visit Tibet in June or July to plan an exchange of religious and cultural missions.

This latest report tends to substantiate unconfirmed reports that Chou En-lai has agreed to permit India and Tibet limited trade and cultural intercourse without reference to Peiping. (Concurred in by [REDACTED])

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EASTERN EUROPE

2. Red Cross suspends relief shipments to Hungary: The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Budapest has informed the American legation that the ICRC has suspended relief shipments to Hungary because there is "good reason" to believe that American flour has been repacked in bags showing Soviet or Czechoslovak origin. The representative, who has not informed the regime of the action, is taking steps to confirm the report. All the American flour has been turned over by the ICRC to Hungary. [REDACTED] 13 Aug 57)

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Comment: Only after severe pressure did the Kadar regime agree to allow International Red Cross representatives to remain in the country until 30 September when the relief programs were scheduled to be completed.

Hungary's relief needs are expected to be considerably lightened by what will probably be an above-average harvest this year. (Concurred in by [REDACTED])

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